

an arthropod repellant substance associated with the barrier material for deterring the crawling arthropods from entering into the room along the passageway.

REMARKS

Favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested. Applicant has rewritten claim 1. Favorable reconsideration of this application is, consequently, earnestly solicited in view of the following remarks. Favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

The first sentence of the specification has been updated to include the serial number of the co-pending application which was filed concurrently with the subject invention.

Claim 1 was rejected as being indefinite. In particular the phrase "arthropod repellant substance" was cited as being indefinite. Applicant respectfully disagrees. The subject specification has clear antecedent bases for this exact phrase on at least page 7, lines 1-2, and on page 14, line 19. Thus, this phrase cannot be indefinite since the specification has clearly used this phrase. As noted applicants have the right to be their own lexicographer.

The objection to the "the attachment portion is not sized...." is noted, and applicants have made a good faith effort to amend the phrase accordingly. Thus, removal of the sec. 112, rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-37 were rejected under sec. 102e as being anticipated by Sharples. For a rejection under sec. 102e, each and every feature of the claims must be met by a reference having an effective date before the filing date of the subject invention. The Sharples reference was filed on MARCH 21, 2001. The subject application is a CONTINUATION-IN-PART of commonly owned application SN 09/750,831 which was filed DECEMBER 28, 2000, which is some THREE MONTHS BEFORE SHARPLES. Additionally, the subject invention claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application 60/181,395 filed February 9, 2000, which is over ONE YEAR PRIOR TO THE FILING OF SHARPLES. Page 1 of the specification and the Declarations filed with the subject application clearly show the priority applications and dates referenced above.

Applicants note that the subject examiner Varnier is also the same examiner on U.S. Patent Application 09/750,831. Applicant directs the examiner's attention to attached sheets labeled Figures 2 and 3 which have been copied from the 09/750,831. Specifically, component 48 in attached Fig. 2 and component 58 are referred to in these parent applications as "barrier